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ADM Provincial Wildfire Update - June 13, 2025



Good afternoon,

With warm, dry weather forecast to continue through June for much of B.C., I am reaching out to share our Summer Seasonal Outlook, provide an update on the current wildfire situation across the province, and link helpful resources to support you and your community this summer.

I sincerely appreciate your continued support and partnership as we work together to keep everyone in B.C. informed, prepared and safe this summer.

Rob Schweitzer

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Summer Seasonal Outlook

The summer wildfire outlook has been released. Watch Superintendent of Predictive Services, Neal McLoughlin, provide an update during the June 9 Seasonal Preparedness Update.

As we approach the core of the 2025 wildfire season, we expect the underlying multi-year drought conditions in the northeast will persist. Many overwintering fires that smouldered through the winter have re-intensified under dry conditions and heightened winds. Long-range guidance suggests a warmer-than-normal summer across much of B.C., with the amount of rain required to mitigate the current drought unlikely to occur.

Given these conditions, there is an increased likelihood of large, challenging fires in the northeast corner of B.C. again this summer, as well as other dry pockets in the southwestern Interior and Chilcotin regions. You can read the text outlook here or watch the video for more detail.



Provincial Summary

Fire activity has increased steadily in the Prince George Fire Centre, where persistent drought and the impacts of overwintering fires continue to pose challenges. Two Incident Management Teams and additional operational personnel and resources have been deployed to support the fire centre with coordinated response.

Currently, B.C. is in a preparedness level 2, as we prioritize resourcing the northeast where the Prince George Fire Centre has seen 99% of wildfire impacts so far this year (based on hectares burned by fire centre). At the same time, we are closely watching conditions and ensuring we are prepared to respond to incidents in the south as they arise.



Pocket Knife Creek wildfire (G80352), photographed on June 8, 2025

For the latest stats, visit our B.C. Wildfire Dashboard where you can find information about active wildfires, their causes and stages of control, resources assigned, and year-to-date wildfire data.

Nationally, our neighbours to the east continue to face challenging conditions, with Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario all dealing with significant fire activity. The Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC) is currently in a national preparedness level 5.

We have been supporting response efforts in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan since early May, and currently have just over 100 firefighters deployed outside of B.C. We continue to assess and manage our own preparedness while working to support our national partners who have come to our aid in the past.

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WILDFIRE MAP

The wildfire map has information on every active wildfire in B.C. Detailed information for large incidents can be found under the Response tab of the incident webpage.

WILDFIRE DASHBOARD

The wildfire dashboard has a provincial summary, wildfire statistics, assigned resources, fire prohibition information, and other relevant resources.

Web and Mobile App Reference Guide

Statistics

Visit the BC Wildfire Service Dashboard for the most up-to-date wildfire statistics available.

CURRENT STATISTICS

Resources

Connect with your local Fire Centre, stay current on the latest Wildfire news, and learn more about how we can work together to build resilience and keep your community safe.

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